

Outer Continental Shelf Policy Committee

Charter

Official Designation: Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee.

Scope and Objectives: The Committee will provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) through the Director of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) related to discretionary functions of the Bureau under the OCS Lands Act and related statutes. The Committee will review and comment on all aspects of leasing, exploration, development, and protection of OCS resources and provide a forum to convey views representative of coastal states, local government, offshore mineral industries, environmental community, and other users of the offshore and the interested public.

Description of Duties: The duties of the Committee are solely advisory and are stated in Scope and Objectives above.

Duration: The Committee's charter may be renewed in 2-year increments by the Secretary as long as the Offshore Minerals Management Program of the Minerals Management Service requires the expertise and advice of the Committee.

Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Secretary through the Director, Minerals Management Service.

Bureau Responsible for Providing Necessary Support: The Minerals Management Service.

Estimated Annual Operating Costs: The estimated annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee's functions including all direct and indirect expenses are estimated to be \$75,000 plus the support of 1.5 full-time employees.

Allowances for Committee Members (compensation, travel, per diem, etc.): Members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Committee, subcommittee, or workgroup members engaged in Committee, subcommittee, or workgroup business approved by the Designated Federal Officer will be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service under section 5703 of title 5 of the United States Code.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: The Committee will meet at the request of the Director, but not less than once annually. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the Committee Chair.

Termination Date: The Committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless renewed prior to that date. The charter is renewed in compliance with section 14(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The

Committee is subject to the provisions of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, and shall take no action unless in compliance with the charter filing requirements of section 9 of FACA.

Committee Membership: The Secretary will appoint non-Federal members and their alternates to the Committee to serve a 2-year term. Non-Federal members may not serve more than three consecutive terms. However, after a 2-year break in service, that member will again be eligible for appointment. The Secretary may revoke the appointment of the member and the alternate if the appointed member or alternate fails to attend two consecutive meetings.

Non-Federal Members: To ensure fair and balanced representation with consideration for the efficiency and fiscal economy of the Committee, the Secretary may appoint:

- One member from each state having Federal offshore oil and gas leases, representing the interests of the state.
- Four members from among coastal states that have an interest in offshore sand or other mineral resources or renewable energy or alternative energy uses of the OCS, to represent those interests. Nominations for these four appointments will be provided for recommendation by the Chair and Vice Chair.
- Up to seven members to represent the following constituencies: environmental community, major oil industry, independent producers, natural gas industry, offshore industries, and the marine mining industry.
- Two members will represent local government. The local government representatives must be from different states.
- Two members representing energy consumers.

Ex officio, Non-Federal Positions: All other coastal state governors may designate a representative to participate in Committee deliberations. These representatives attend the meeting at their own expense and are nonvoting participants.

Federal Members: The following officials, or their designees, are nonvoting, ex officio members of the Committee:


- Assistant Secretary – Land and Minerals Management
- Assistant Secretary – Fish and Wildlife and Parks
- Director, Minerals Management Service
- Secretary, Department of Commerce
- Secretary, Department of Defense
- Secretary, Department of Energy
- Secretary, Department of State
- Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
- Commandant, United States Coast Guard

Ethics Responsibility: No Committee or subcommittee member shall participate in a specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest.

Designated Federal Officer: Associate Director, Offshore Minerals Management, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

Subgroups: The Committee may establish such subcommittees or workgroups as it deems necessary for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. The Committee Chair will appoint subcommittee and workgroup members. However, such workgroups may not conduct business independent of the Committee and must report its recommendations to the full Committee for consideration.

Authority: We have determined that the Committee is in the public interest in connection with duties of the Department of the Interior. We have authority for these duties under the OCS Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et. seq.*), including provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-058).



P. Lynn Scarlett
Acting Secretary of the Interior

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Date Signed

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